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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

In re:	Patent Application of Gerhard Wollmann, <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1616
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APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.193(b)

In response to the Examiner's Answer, dated May 19, 2004 (Paper No. 05182004), Appellants submit herewith a Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. §1.193(b). This Reply Brief is being timely filed on or before July 19, 2004.

Appellants respectfully request that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, before making its decision on this appeal, consider the following rebuttal to statements made in the Examiner's Answer, as set forth below in detail.